(b) the growth rate of GDP of States, statewise; and

(c) the reasons for the slow down of GDP in 1999-2000.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Details are given in the Annexure *(See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 48)

(c) The overall gross domestic product (GDP) in real terms at factor cost is estimated to grow by 5.9 per cent in 1999-2000 (Advance Estimates) as against 6.8 per cent in 1998-99 (Quick Estimates) as per the latest data available from Central Statistical organisation. The slowdown in overallGDP growth is largely on account of deceleration in GDP growth from agriculture and allied sector from 7.2 per cent in 1998-99 to an estimated 0.8 per cent in 1999-2000.

Rate of Inflation of Food and Essential Commodities

1282. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items of food- and essential commodities which are taken into the baskets in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI); and

(b) what is the rate of inflation of these items for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Under the existing Wholesale Price Index series with base 1981-82-100, the major group "Primary Articles" includes 44 items of food in its sub group "food articles". In addition to this, 45 food products are included in the major group "manufactured products". The Wholesale Price Index monitors the prices of 30 essential commodities on a weekly basis. These commodities get represented in the three major group of the WPI series.

(b) The annual rates of inflation of food items within the sub group food articles and food products are listed below.

The annual rates of inflation of the group of 30 essential commodities for this period are also indicated.

Items	Annual Rate of Inflation (point to point)%		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000*
Primary Prod.			
Food Articles	4.0	10.1	0.4
Foodgrains	-2.7	15.4	2.4
Pulses	5.2	0.0	0.7
Fruits & Veg.	3.6	12.7	-3.2
Milk	11.1	6.4	4.8
Egg, Fish & Meat	5.2	3.6	2.7
Condiments & Speices	19.2	13.2	-7.0
Tea	40.8	-24.5	5.1
Coffee	8.0	-21.6	-20.0
Manufactured Prod.			
Food Products	5.5	10.7	-2.1
Essential Comm.	6.2	4.6	0.0

*as on February 12, 2000

Percentage of NPA of SBI

1283. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the NPA in absolute terms of State Bank of India;

(b) what is the percentage of NPA to the total capital employed and also percentage of total lending; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to reduce such huge NPA in the largest bank of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Net NPAs of State Bank.of India (SBI) as on 31.3.99 were Rs. 5905.96 crore which is 7.18 percent to the total net advances. SBI has reported that their net NPA to total capital employed i.e. total assets is 2.65% as on 31.03.1999.